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2 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Formal Action to Take Account of New Research
and Development Responsibilities

1. I am sure you are aware that for some months action has been in process to give me some additional responsibilities for research and development and you are probably aware that a memorandum outlining the new responsibilities was prepared for the Director and used by him on the occasion of his last meeting with the President's Board of Consultants. After that meeting the memorandum was circulated to various officers including the DD/P and the DD/S and I received comments from both of them on it.

2. I have now revised the last paragraph in a way in which I hope will take account of the desires of the DD/S and the DD/P. In particular, the revised draft stipulates that any actions to reallocate personnel or funds among different research and development activities will be coordinated with the Deputy Directors concerned if such actions would have an important effect on their organizations. I am hopeful that in its present form this paper will be satisfactory to you and the DD/P.

3. As noted on the attached copy, I extracted the Director's signature on this paper on 28 March. When he signed it he requested that an appropriate piece of paper be formally published promptly, if possible with an effective date of 1 April. On the other hand, I am sure that his approval was not intended to foreclose any further modifications that you or the DD/P may regard as desirable.

4. I have sent a copy to the Acting DD/P and asked for his further comments. May I suggest that in the meanwhile you start the machinery rolling to prepare whatever formal publication that is appropriate. Anything that is drafted in the next two or three days can readily be modified to take account of your own and the Acting DD/P's comments if such further

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modification should seem desirable. I leave it to you and your staff to decide whether this paper should be published in its present form with or without amendments.

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[redacted] not included in it. I doubt if extensive coordination is required at this point since the substance of the attached paper is now well known to all the Deputy Directors and to all other senior officers of the Agency who are concerned.

5. Could you let me know at your convenience how you plan to proceed. Mr. Lampshire in my office can work with anyone you designate on this matter. He will know my views and can keep me advised.

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Attachment:
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cc: Acting DD/P

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